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1. FOLLOWING IS CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS RE JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL OKUCHI'S KIDNAPPING SINCE REFTE, TO EXTENT WE KNOW.

2. MORNING MARCH 12 KIDNAPPERS CONTACTED LOCAL NEWSPAPER STATING THAT BY 7:00 P.M. THAT DAY PUBLIC WOULD KNOW THE DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS FOR RELEASE OKUCHI.

3. ABDUCTORS TELEPHONED LOCAL NEWSPAPER GIVING LOCATION WRITTEN MESSAGE. IT DEMANDED: (A) RELEASE OF FIVE POLITICAL PRISONERS (NOT NAMED) AND THEIR SAFE ARRIVAL WITH MEMBERS FAMILIES IN MEXICO OR OTHER COUNTRY; (B) A GUARANTEE THAT GOB WOULD NOT TAKE REPRISAL AGAINST OTHER PRISONERS. AS QUOTED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRAZIL HERALD CIRCULATING SAO PAULO TODAY, ABDUCTORS' MESSAGE STATED IN PART: "(OKUCHI) KIDNAPPED TO OBTAIN FREEDOM AND ENSURE PHYSICAL INTEGRITY VARIOUS POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SAO PAULO. ACT ABSOLUTELY NOT DIRECTED AGAINST JAPANESE PEOPLE NOR MEMBERS OF ITS COLONY. FREEING OF PRISONERS WILL BE EXPECTED BY 6:00 P.M. SATURDAY, WHEN THEY MUST BE SAFELY OUTSIDE COUNTRY WITH THIS CONFIRMED BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICES. LET IT BE CLEAR IT OUR INTENTION DIE WITH CONSUL GENERAL IF SEARCHES NOT SUSPENDED OR IF OUR WHEREABOUTS FOUND." NOTE WAS SIGNED, "A.RAIM UNDO DE LUCENA, COMMAND OF THE PRO-PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY VANGUARD." THIS COMMUNICATION APPEARED IN NO OTHER NEWSPAPER IN SAO PAULO.

4. AS OF 1500 HOURS LOCAL TIME TODAY EO50x1 NAMES OF THE FIVE PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED HAVE NOT BEEN COMMUNICATED TO AUTHORITIES. KIDNAPPERS SENT SECOND COMMUNICATION

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(ASIDE FROM TWO PERSONAL LETTERS CONSUL GENERAL HAS WRITTEN) STATING GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET FULFILLED ONE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR OKUCHI'S RELEASE, NAMELY, COMMITMENT NOT TO TAKE REPRISALS AGAINST ANY OTHER PRISONERS AFTER HE RELEASED.

5. DEAN CONSULAR CORPS, AMBASSADOR JOSEPH NAFFAH, LEBANESE CONSUL GENERAL, CALLED MEETING CONSULAR CTRPS THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS SECURITY. NAFFAH SAID HE HAD ON OWN INITIATIVE TRIED TO SEE GOVERNOR YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS CORPS' CONCERN AND REQUEST PROTECTION. UNALBE SEE GOVERNOR, HE CONVEYED MESSAGE TO FEDERAL DEPUTY HENRIQUE TURNER, GOVERNOR'S CHIEF OF CIVIL HOUSEHOLD. TURNER TOLD HIM MATTER WAS ENTIRELY IN HANDS FEDERAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES. EO50x1

EO50x1 AT MEETING IT WAS DECIDED DEAN WOULD CALL ON THE GOVERNOR (A) TO EXPRESS CORPS' SHOCK OVER EVENT, (B) TO CONVEY SYMPATHY AND A CONCERN OVER DIFFICULT POSITION OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, (C) TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE, AND (D) TO REQUEST GOVERNOR TO ARRANGE SURVEILLANCE RESIDENCES ALL CONSULAR OFFICERS.

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